



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 10/688,481  
Applicant: da Costa e Silva et al.  
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Examiner: COLLINS, Cynthia  
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Customer No.: 029137

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition that the time for responding to the Examiner's Office Action, dated December 29, 2005, be extended for a period of 1 month, resetting the due date to April 29, 2006. Authorization is hereby given to charge the extension fee of \$120.00, and any other fee that may be due with regard to this submission, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 02-1197.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Certification Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10**

I certify that the attached correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service, Express Mail Label No. EL807451094US, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on April 20, 2006.

  
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